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## Research Note

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### Bill Number

House Bill 17-1081

### Sponsors

*Representative Nordberg*  
*Senator Fenberg*

### Short Title

*Olympic Athletes Colorado*  
*In-state Tuition*

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### Status

This research note reflects the final version of the bill which was signed by the Governor on April 13, 2017, and becomes effective on August 9, 2017, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

### Background

Colorado law states that the governing board of each state-supported institution of higher education may grant in-state tuition status to every Olympic athlete who otherwise would not be classified as an in-state student for tuition purposes if the athlete is:

- in residence and in training at the United States Olympic training center at Colorado Springs;
- in residence in Colorado Springs and in training at the Olympic training center at Colorado Springs in a program approved by the governing body for the athlete's Olympic sport; or
- in residence in Colorado Springs and in training at a facility in Colorado Springs approved by the governing body for the athlete's Olympic sport and in a program approved by such body.

Pan American and Parapan American athletes training in Colorado are not granted in-state tuition by state-supported insitutuions of higher education.

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## House Action

**House Education Committee (February 15, 2017).** At the hearing, representatives from the United States Olympic Committee, the University of Colorado, Metropolitan State University, and one private citizen testified in support of the bill.

The committee referred the bill, unamended, to the House Committee on Appropriations.

**House Appropriations Committee (March 3, 2017).** The committee referred the bill, unamended, to the House Committee of the Whole.

**House second reading (March 7, 2017).** The House passed the bill on second reading with no amendments.

**House third reading (March 8, 2017).** The House passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.

## Senate Action

**Senate Finance Committee (March 23, 2017).** At the hearing, representatives from the United States Olympic Committee and Metropolitan State University testified in support of the bill.

The committee referred the bill, unamended, to the Senate Committee of the Whole.

**Senate second reading (March 27, 2017).** The Senate passed the bill on second reading with no amendments.

**Senate third reading (March 28, 2017).** The Senate passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.



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